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1. On 8 October 1951, the bulk of the 175th Tank Regiment of the 25th Tank Division left Templin area allegedly for exercises on the Elbe River. On 10 October, German employees of the Soviet units at Templin were sent to Prenzlau allegedly to prepare the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, hitherto unoccupied, for occupation.
2. On 17 and 18 October, components of the engineer battalion of the 57th Guards Motorized Rifle Division and elements of the 27th Guards Signal Battalion of the 29th Guards Motorized Rifle Corps returned to Hamburg. On 17 October, components of the engineer regiment of the 8th Guards Army left Wald, while components of the engineer battalion of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division entrained there.
3. At 1100 hours on 19 October, a convoy of vehicles with troops of the 25th Tank Division were seen moving along the road from Kyritz to Justerhausen. At 1700 hours on the same day, a convoy of 40 vehicles with 600 soldiers and 15 122-mm howitzers, probably of the 44th Artillery Brigade, was also seen. At 0900 hours on 20 October, about 125 vehicles of the 94th Guards Motorized Rifle Division with 1,500 soldiers, ten 122-mm howitzers and 15-20 heavy mortars were assembled on the Gantikow-Kyritz road. They departed toward Justerhausen at 1100 hours.
4. On 23 October, one train was loaded at Neuhaldensleben railroad station with an unknown number of armored reconnaissance cars and other vehicles of the 10th Guards Tank Division. On the same day, another train was loaded there with an unknown number of soldiers and vehicles. The unit could not be identified.
5. Of ten troop trains loaded in Schwepnitz on 16 and 17 October, two were dispatched to Meissen, one to Oschatz and one to Leipzig. The destination of the others could not be determined.
6. On 17 October, Bürgermeister in the area southwest of Sten'al received orders that large-scale field exercises would be held in that area/seen.

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- 25 [REDACTED] 7. Three troop trains were unloaded at Rathenow on 20 October. Field exercises of tank troops allegedly started in the area southeast of Rathenow on 20 October.
8. Truck convoys observed in the area northeast of Magdeburg included: 24 artillery pieces of the 3rd Guards AAA Division moving between Pabsdorf and Stegelitz toward Burg on 19 October; one with 22 artillery pieces and AA guns of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division or 207th Guards Motorized Rifle Division passing through Gross Luebars from the direction of Altenbrabow and proceeding toward Burg on 21 October; one with 10 AA Guns of the Third Guards AAA Division in the same direction on 22 October.

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[REDACTED] Comment: It is possible that large-scale field exercises were held, or started, 20 October in the Rathenow-Genthin-Stendal area. Information received to date indicates that participating troops are mainly components of the Third Shock Army and one tank regiment of the Fourth Guards Mechanized Army. It could not be determined that these exercises were related to movements of components of the Second Guards Mechanized Army in the Neuruppin area about 13 October.

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